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**External Automatic Slack Adjuster Performance Requirements****Foreword**

The performance requirements in this SAE Recommended Practice were derived from established performance requirements utilized by external automatic slack adjuster manufacturers and users.

**1. Scope**

The performance requirements have been established for external automatic slack adjusters when tested to SAE J1462.

**2. References****2.1 Applicable Publication**

The following publication forms a part of the specification to the extent specified herein. Unless otherwise indicated, the latest revision of SAE publications shall apply.

**2.1.1 SAE PUBLICATION**

Available from SAE, 400 Commonwealth Drive, Warrendale, PA 15096-0001.

SAE J1462—External Automatic Slack Adjuster Test Procedure

**3. Objective**

To establish acceptable levels of performance for external automatic slack adjusters.

**4. Requirements**

External automatic slack adjusters must meet all of the following requirements to be in compliance with this document. All following requirements will be preceded with a number in parentheses. This number is a reference to the appropriate part of the test procedure in SAE J1462.

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**4.1 (4.1 and 9.2.3) Adjusting Torque**

The adjusting torque in either direction not to exceed the manufacturer's recommendation.

**4.2 (4.2)**

Backlash not to exceed 6.35 mm (0.25 in).

**4.3 (9.2.3)**

During any checking phase, the adjusting torque must not exceed the manufacturer's recommended values of 4.1 by more than 19.8 N·m (175 in-lb) and there must be no structural fractures.

**4.4 (7.2.4 and 8.6)**

If the shut-off device has been triggered, the adjuster does not comply with the performance requirements.

**4.5** All Chamber strokes measured at 856 kPa (85 psi) in sections 10.9.5.3, 10.9.6.2, 10.9.7.2, 10.9.8.2, 10.9.9.5, 10.9.9.9, 10.9.9.13, and 10.9.9.17 of SAE J1462, shall not exceed 50.8 mm (2.00 in).

**5. Notes**

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